

WEARS ROBES



Msgr. E. H. Vurpillat

Raised to the rank of Domestic Prelate by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, Rt. Rev. Edward H. Vurpillat, '06, was invested in the robes of a Monsignor Sunday afternoon, August 19, by His Excellency, John Francis Noll, Bishop of Ft. Wayne. Msgr. Vurpillat is pastor of St. Mary's parish, Michigan City, and Dean of the Michigan City Deanery. He was a chaplain in World War I.

Learning Holds Highest Place

Education holds first place in Sgt. Paul Le Sage's mind when he gets out of service. In his last letter, June 13, he inquired about the G. I. Bill and mentioned engineering as the major he intends to pursue.

Paul was in the Philippines, where he had come from the Hebrides. Observations on the customs of the natives made up much of his 1500-word letter. He had ventured to taste a drink these people concoct from the juice of sugar cane and call "bossie", probably, as he remarks, because of its kick. "Most of the fellows who drink much of it go out like a light; some go blind or even die."

Most of the peasant families, Paul observes, have from fifteen to twenty children. They live in grass huts that are no more than eight by ten feet in size. As a result, they sleep in shifts. They sleep on bamboo poles laced together.

Third Alumnus Of St. Joseph's To Become Bishop

Third alumnus of St. Joseph's of Indiana to be chosen for the episcopacy within recent months by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, Bishop-elect William R. Arnold, '02, will be consecrated Thursday, October 11, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. The former Chief of Army Chaplains has been named Titular Bishop of Phocaea.

Bishop-elect Arnold has returned from an eight-week tour as Assistant Inspector-General of the U. S. Army. Traveling 22,000 miles, he held conference with more than two thirds of the 3,500 chaplains and all the commanding officers of the U. S. Army serving abroad.

Travels To Holyland

During this tour Maj. Gen. Arnold visited England, Germany, Italy, Athens, and Cairo, covering the entire European and Mediterranean theatres of operation. He was also in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, making pilgrimages to the Holy Sepulchre, Gethsemane, Bethlehem, and the Mount of Olives. At the Holy Sepulchre he offered Mass, and then proceeded to Tiberias and Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, and to Nazareth, to venerate the place of the Annunciation.

While in Germany Bishop-elect Arnold and his aides paused at Dachau, where a former prisoner explained to him the manipulation of the infamous concentration camp there.

Succeeding Bishop O'Hara as Military Delegate, Msgr. Arnold will be consecrated by the Military Vicar, Archbishop Spellman. Co-consecrators will be Bishops O'Hara and Noll.

BISHOP-ELECT



Msgr. Wm. R. Arnold

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Chancellor of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, the Very Reverend Charles J. Feltes, '20, kneels before His Excellency, Bishop John Francis Noll, D.D., for his investiture as a Papal Chamberlain, August 30, in the chapel of St. Vincent's Villa. As the bishop's chaplains, Father Carl Holsinger, '21, stands to the left; Father Alfred W. Reinig, to the right. The Very Rev. John F. Nadolney is book bearer.

Fowler Pastor Loses Life

Seriously injured when a front tire blew out near Chicago Heights, Sunday, July 1, the Rev. Leon J. Dufrane, '11, died the following day in St. James Hospital there. Father Dufrane lost control of the car, which careened into a concrete bridge. He was on his way to the golden wedding celebration of his parents. In his will, Father Dufrane left his books, his chalice and other religious articles, and \$1,000, to St. Joseph's of Indiana, his alma mater.



Wins Bronze Star

A chaplain's clerk in the 83rd Division, Cpl. Francis H. Weaver of Indianapolis was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic performance of duty in Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany. Francis has been in service for three years. Caring for the wounded and dying frequently brought him under enemy fire.

A happy pastor in a rural parish, Father Dufrane is shown with part of one of his recent First Holy Communion Classes.

OLD TIMERS ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE



Priests of the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana, many of whom are alumni of St. Joseph's, take time out from the spiritual exercises of their retreat held on the campus during July for a photograph. His Excellency, Bishop John G. Bennett, D.D., '09, is with them.

Greetings and congratulations to all St. Joe men on every front. As our Alma Mater swings into its fifty-fifth year, peace and the spirit of hopefulness prevail. The campus rings with the vibrant voices of youth—of boys in the academy, who mount the second round of their education, confident that it is a preparation for a place in a peace-loving world; of young men in college, who do not waver in the thought that their pursuit of learning will be interrupted.

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Big Jim Bogan, Lieut. (jg), Portrays Surrender Scene

May 31, 1945

Dear Editor,

The year of Pacific duty I have seen has been pretty eventful. First, it was the invasion of Leyte. Next was Mindoro Island in the Philippines. Mindoro: we take personal pride in our accomplishments there; it was tougher than the newspaper public realizes. And logically enough, we moved on to Luzon after Mindoro.

When we finally finished our work in the Philippines, we felt we could say, along with 'Doug', "I have returned!" We should be able to say something—we feel we returned him!

I have never been too fortunate in seeing many St. Joe men out here. My one great stroke of luck was having Stan Lapsys, my former Gaspar Roomie, available for an occasional get-together back in Leyte.

More recently we have been to the Okinawa area. Our job there, however, is still among the more censorable items.

August 17, 1945

Okinawa wound up for my gang in early June. I can't say how glad I was to get out of that area. For a better reason yet I was glad—we jaunted then to Saipan, where my brother is stationed with the B-29ers. It was the best time for me in my whole Pacific stay when I saw him.

Later I met Jack Pepper, who was stopping

off there on his way to Okinawa as a replacement in Ted Swierczek's outfit. Jack was pretty new out of the States and really had all the latest scuttlebutt. We certainly hashed over the Gaspar Hall Penthouse gang in good style.

Have you noticed my promotion? Ah. July 1 was the good day for me. (Jim advanced to First Lieutenant (jg)).

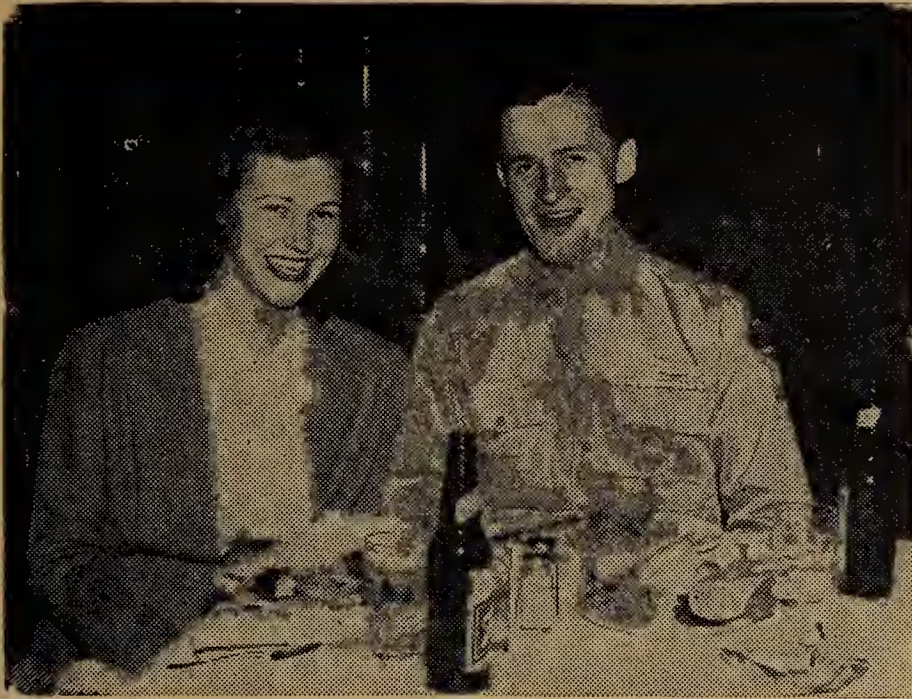
Better news by far is that of Japan's surrender. I wish I could describe the scene we viewed the night initial word was received that the Japs were willing to quit. One of the men came into radio, where I was on watch at the time, with tears in his eyes; "You'll have to see it for yourself to appreciate it," he almost breathed.

And what a sight! Whistles blowing, sirens screaming, powerful searchlights crisscrossing the skies, signal flares and rocket flares coloring the night with patches of red, green, and white. It was like all the Fourth of Julys wrapped up into one night.

Maybe this year will be the big homecoming year. But I doubt whether I will make it. There is no sight of getting home though I'm hoping for the anything that might happen. Whenever the day, you can be sure that I'll be traveling St. Joeward if only for a few hours.

As ever,
Jim
Lt. (jg) James R. Bogan

INFORMALLY YOURS



The former Miss Betty Knapke of Minister, Ohio, and her husband, John Goetz, U.S.A., celebrating their first daze. They were married July 21 in St. Augustine's Church, Minster, the Rev. Paul Knapke, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., '29 officiating. Two other brothers of the bride are also St. Joe men. Her father, Mr Anthony Knapke, '02, died suddenly some time ago of a heart attack. He was principal of the Minster high school and organist and choir director of the parish.



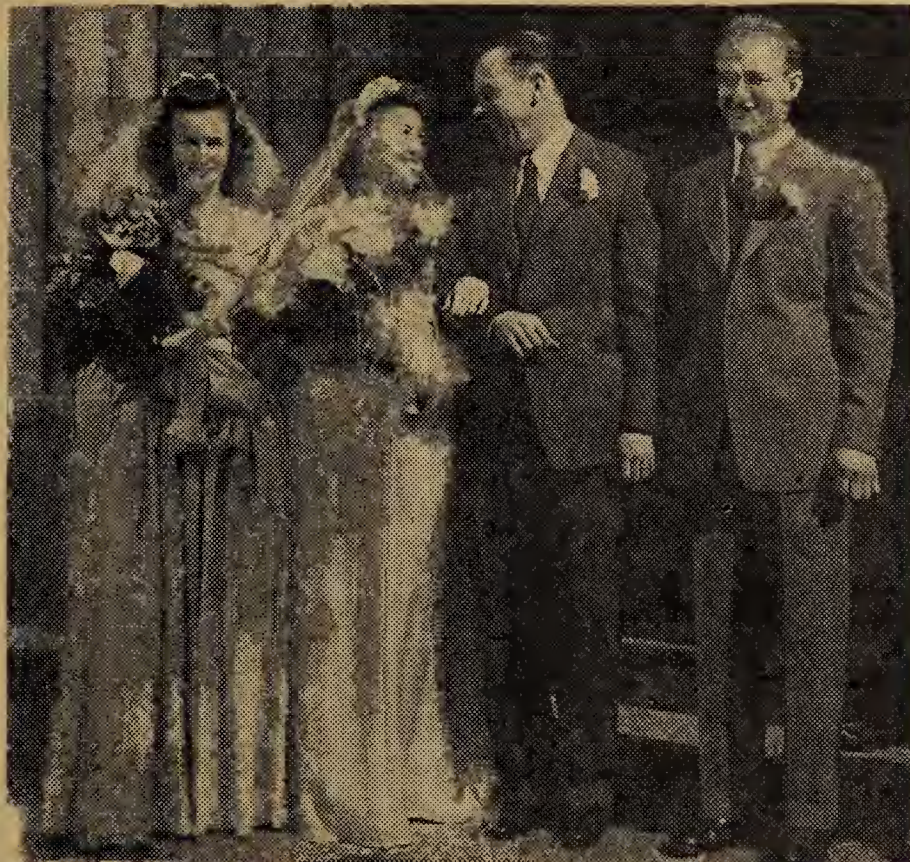
For re-establishing communications which had been cut, Pfc. George S. Kochis, '39, receives the Bronze Star Medal from his Brigadier General. The scene is near Olongapo, Luzon. George and his comrades were under enemy observation and sniper fire. Besides the Bronze Star Medal, he holds five other distinctions. In the service since April 10, 1941, he has been overseas twenty-one months. On September 6 he was married two years. A twin brother, Paul, '39, is in the service, stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

ALL STAR CHAMP

A giant end, who left St. Joe for the service three years ago, Sgt. Nick Scollard was one of the College All Stars' principal threats when they met the Green Bay Packers in Soldiers' Field the night of August 30. He scored the only touchdown. Nick is a specialist in catching forward passes and an expert at place kicking. A native of Indianapolis, he led the Pumas to an undefeated season in 1941.



Sgt. Nick Scollard



Marzee Martin and Jim "Deacon" Taylor, Jr., '42 (center) show their happiness after their marriage, April 30, in St. Joseph's Church, Evansville, Indiana. They live at 1639 "B" E. Michigan St., Evansville, 14. Jim did not succeed in getting into either the army or the navy, so he joined the law-enforcing group of his home town before going to Serval, Inc., makers of Wings for P-47's, cartridge cases, land mines and other military supplies. Marzee, who was in the employment office of Serval, hired him. He's plugging for the approaching homecoming.

Fischer Made Captain

That public relations expert of St. Joe, Ed Fischer, whom the Army swallowed temporarily has been promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain. He is now in Delhi, India, polishing his history of the North Burma campaign for the deadline, September 15.

BACK AS COACH



Our Stan

With a bachelor of arts degree in physical education, Stan Wisniewski, '44, returns to the campus this fall to assist Coach Dick Scharf. Stan will direct intermurals and teach physical training.

Alumni Do's



"See where another one of the boys got married . . . You'd never catch me taking a chance like that!"

One of the latest St. Joe men known to enter the service as a chaplain, the Rev. Joseph A. Klinker, '35, reported for duty in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 22. Previous to this he was assistant pastor of St. Mary's parish, Huntington, Indiana.



Rev. J. A. Klinker

AVIATOR



Ensign Burns

Since June 23, William M. Burns of Alliance, Ohio, has been an Ensign in the Naval Reserve. A naval aviator who received his commission at Pensacola, Florida, he spent two years at St. Joseph's of Indiana before he was called to service.

Crash Hero

Resourcefulness made a hero of Donald Molony when he witnessed the Empire State building tragedy, July 28. Don, who spent one year in St. Joseph's academy, rushed to a drug store for first-aid equipment, then dashed back to the skyscraper. Before doctors and nurses arrived he had given first aid to more than twenty persons.



Don Molony

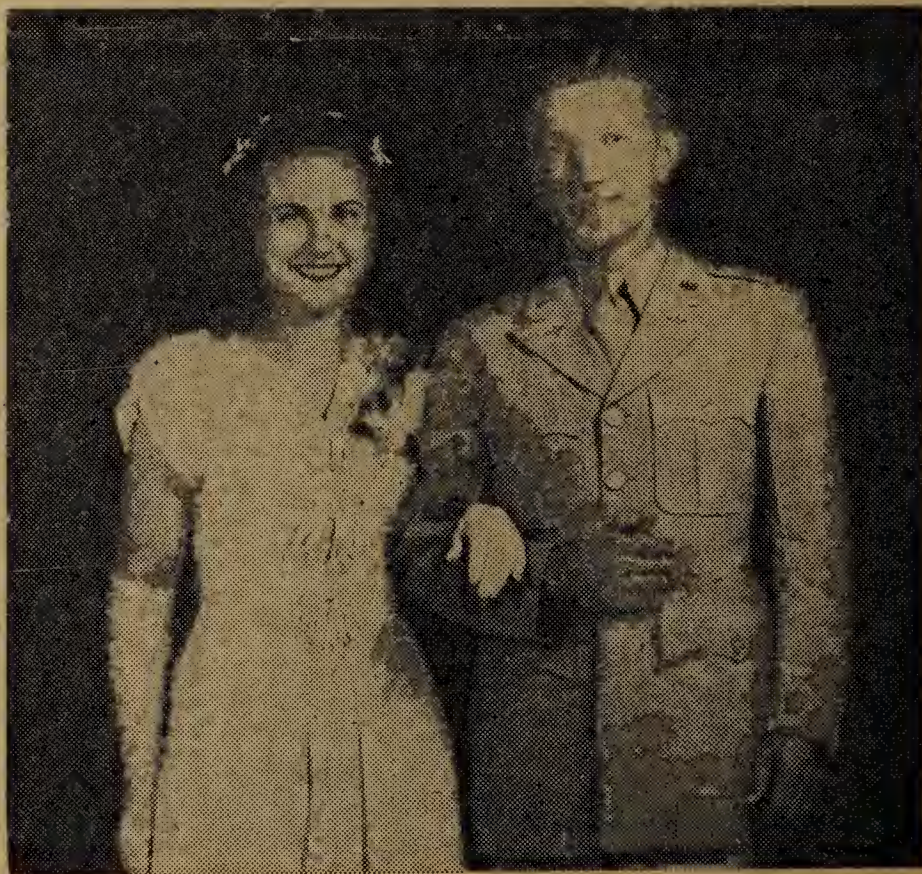
REACHES GOAL



Father Weller

At the second ordination ceremony in the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana, the Rev. Harold E. Weller, '40, was raised to the priesthood. Father Weller offered his first Solemn High Mass at Sacred Heart parish, Fowler, Sunday, August 19.

JUNE BRIDE AND GROOM



At a military wedding ceremony in a chapel at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas, June 29, Miss Lillian Feltz of Casella, Ohio, became the bride of Lieut. Henry J. Leugers, '37, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Leugers, '11, of Maria Stein, Ohio. The former Miss Feltz is a graduate of International Business College, Ft. Wayne. Lieut. Feltz, who was inducted into the armed service Sept. 17, 1941, is a navigator on a B-29. The young couple live at 2623 Nashville St., El Paso.